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Spy Role Claim Shocks Still quite worried. She said she would have Downed Pilot's Famil

by news the United States now fire. sondedes the may have been Mr. Powers spent yesterday on a spy mission when shot as usual in his shop in nearby down by the Russians.

don't believe it," said a sister, suffering from a heart ailment.

Mrs. Janice P. Melvin of 1604 remained at home with her

Nesion drive, Falls Church, Va. five daughters.

Mrs. Melvin, along with her closed their brother's plane had Mrs. Jesus been shot down.

Mrs. Melviin said that, as far as enyone in the family knew, week when word came Mr. Powers was working for the Francis was missing. Lockheed Aircraft Corp., and was assigned to high-altitude from the mother of his daughweather research for the Na-ter-in-law indicating that tional Aeronautic and Space Francis wife, Administration.

States announcement came as United States. had all other news of her brother—through a call from a newspaper reporter. She said her father might have had some, official word from the Govern ment, but had not yet told the family:

The pilot's mother, who is ill, reacted with "disbellef" to the announcement. Government Mrs. Melvin said.

"She's been told a little about it, but not much," she said.

The Government statement dimmed the joy which he swept the family earlier when it was announced Mr. Powers was alive. They planned to at-tend services today at the Church of Christ in Found, Va. to pray for his safe release:

We are a religious family and we will pray to God, as we have been doing since last Bunday, that Francis will be relessed unharmed, Mrs. Melva

Joy Restrained

The 30-year-old palot's par ents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Fowers of Mill Crock, in mountainous Wise County, Van 150 miles from Washington - re-acted with tears and restrained joy when they learned from

The family of Francis C. newsman that Mr. Karushchev Powers, the captive American said their son had not been pilot, was stunned last night killed by Russian anti-aircraft

wn by the Russians. Norton, Va., where he is a sine-"We're just shocked—we still maker by brade. Mrs. Powers.

Three of the daughters four sisters, hurried to join Joyce, 20. Mrs. G. Boff and their parents in Mill Creek Va., Mrs. Joanne Meade—live in after Premier Khrushchen dis-Wise County, Mrs. Melvin and atra. Jessina Elleman of \$18 Audrey Lane, Glassianion Md journeyed to Mal Orser last

Mr. Powers received a call Barbara, has left Adabs, Turkey, where he believed the younger Mrs. Members o

Me wie all the flood shirits.

planned to join the rest of the Columbus, Ga., and the Mill family in church Bunday but Greek area between Found and she has to meet her husband. Clintwood. Vs. Veril W. Melvin, an American Mr. Powers was a graduate of Mr. Powers was a graduate noke Airport.

I left Palls Church in such City Tenn, where he starred a hurry when I heard about in track and held events my brother that I didn't bring much of anything Mrs. explained hnebund is bringing ciothes and things

The missing pilot had never been in Norway or Pakistan as far as she know, Mers. Melvin told. The Ctar when ad-vised of Russian charges that he was fiving across Russia on a spy mission from Pakistan to Norway, sie was based Bear Adans, Turkey, she said.

The family was stunned by Red charges that her brother might be charged as a spy.

"That's just not true. It's ot possible." said Joyce. Members of the family said Pilot's Mother Is III | believed the younger Mrs. Members of the family said. She said, word of the United Powers is en route back to the Mr. Powers left the Air Force time he married the former

He was born in Jenking She said she would have but spent most of his life in